



Term 5 Newsletter 'Fantastic Fossils' and Romans



Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break. For the first three weeks of this term, we will be continuing our work on 'Fantastic Fossils' with a focus on science. After that, our topic is 'Romans' where we will be learning about Roman mythology, comparing what life was like for them and creating our own mosaics.

Reading	Please read with your child regularly, even if it is just one page. Their books and book bags will need to be in everyday for 1:1 reading. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary but please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments book. A member of staff will be checking reading records on a Wednesday and children are expected to have read at least 3 times a week with an adult.
Spellings	This term, we will continue to send out spelling investigations that will encourage the children to look at different patterns which link to their learning within the classroom.
Maths	Our focus this term is mental maths and applying it in different questions. The children will have a set of questions which will test their knowledge of calculations and mathematical vocabulary. We will also be focusing on learning our times tables. On the East Hoathly website are 'Singing Tables' which we will be using to help us remember the pattern of each times table. Please do have a look and learn them at home with your child.

Helping to enrich our topics

It has been really great to have books from home that relate to our topic so if anyone has any experience or items that may help us with any of the work above that we could hear about or borrow, they would be gratefully received.

Reminders - Forest School is now on a Friday afternoon rather than a Monday, please ensure your Forest School kit is in school for the term. If you didn't manage to book a parents consultation in Term 4 please come and ask me for one.

Roman day- Friday 20th May. On this day Chiddingly and East Hoathly will join together at Chiddingly. Your child will be able to dress up as a Roman and take part in exciting activities based around their Roman learning. A letter with further information will be sent out soon.

Home Learning - We are looking at how Romans used to live and comparing this to our own lives. Can you find out some interesting facts about the Romans and present it in a creative way? You could use some of the websites below to help you.

For example: A PowerPoint about the fashion of the Romans, the sports they enjoyed, the food they ate or the daily life of a child your age.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Mackarness

Reading at school and at home

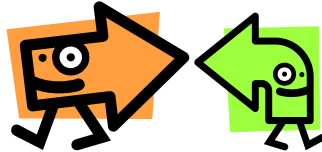
Reading strategies the children use in school and can be referred to at home.

I could sound out the word.

dog

sweet

I can miss out the word. Then I could read on to the end of a sentence and then go back and check what would make sense.



I look for smaller words in words.

butterfly

cat

handwriting

I talk through my ideas, thoughts and feelings about what I am reading so I understand it.



When I read I imagine what is happening and create a picture in my mind.



I use the pictures to help me.



'Romans' Learning Map

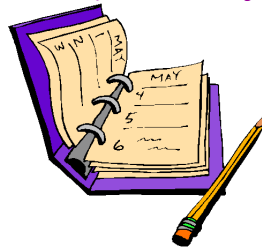
Literacy



Letter writing



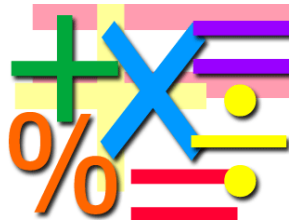
Diary writing



Roman Mythology



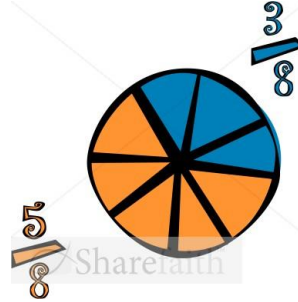
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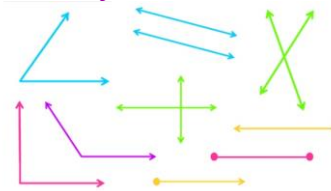
Number facts and patterns



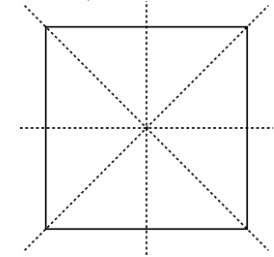
Fractions



Angles and shape



Symmetry and translation



Reasoning focus

ICT



Databases

My Car Database				
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Make	Model	Registration	Colour	
Audi	S4	BS12 AFX	Red	
Audi	S5	BS12 BMX	Black	
BMW	M3	BS12 DMC	Blue	
BMW	M5	BS12 DMX	Red	
Ford	Fiesta	BS12 JLC	White	
Ford	Fiesta	BS12 JLO	Silver	

E-safety



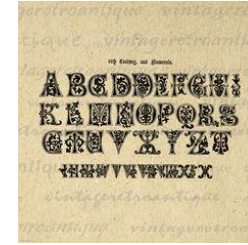
Art



Mosaics



Printing Roman Art



History



Life of a Roman



Comparing Romans to modern life.



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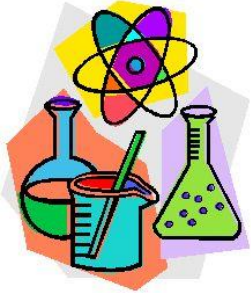
Wider World



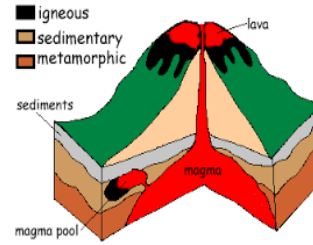
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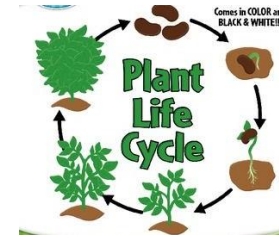
Science



Rocks and Soils



Plants and Forest School



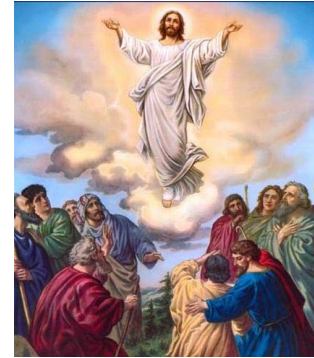
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How the church began...



Pentecost and Ascension



The Apostles Peter and Paul



Fossil websites:

http://www.nationalgeographic.com/seamonsters/virtualdig/virtualdig_site_2.html

www.onegeology.org/extra/kids/fossils.html

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/mary_anning/

Roman Websites:

www.rome.mrdonn.org/myths.html

<http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zwmpfg8>